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# LABOR AREAS

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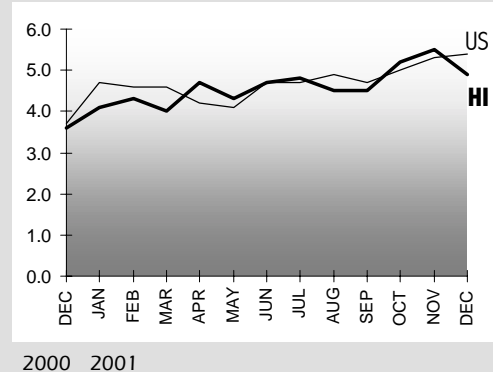
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## Unemployment Rate

The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations recently announced that the statewide unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in December, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point compared with the November rate. For the fourth quarter of 2001, Hawaii's statewide unemployment rate averaged 5.2 percent. In contrast, the average statewide unemployment rate for the first three-quarters of 2001 was 4.4 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate in December was 5.4 percent, increasing slightly from 5.3 percent in November.

### MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



DATA SOURCE: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

## Nonagricultural Jobs

In the non-agricultural job count survey, there was a net increase of 3,200 jobs. Job gains in December were primarily due to holiday season hiring.

Retail trade added 1,400 jobs, with general merchandise and apparel and accessory stores responsible for much of the gain.

Services increased by 800 jobs. Within this sector, hotel employment improved by 300 jobs, with Oahu hotels benefiting from the Honolulu Marathon and events surrounding the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Health services grew by 200 jobs.

Seasonal hires at the U.S. Postal Service and casual workers at the Uni-

versity of Hawaii largely contributed to a rise of 1,600 jobs in government.

Also on the positive side, construction added 300 jobs.

The combined transportation, communications, and utilities sectors contracted by 800 jobs. Air transportation and ground transportation firms catering to visitors continued to be negatively affected by the events of September 11.

Employment in manufacturing, wholesale trade, and the finance, insurance, and real estate industries remained largely unchanged.

DATA SOURCE: Current Employment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

# Labor Force Estimates; Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs (Hawai'i)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted

## LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	STATE OF HAWAII			HONOLULU COUNTY			HAWAII COUNTY			KAUA'I COUNTY			MAUI COUNTY		
	DEC 2001	NOV 2001	DEC 2000	DEC 2001	NOV 2001	DEC 2000	DEC 2001	NOV 2001	DEC 2000	DEC 2001	NOV 2001	DEC 2000	DEC 2001	NOV 2001	DEC 2000
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	610.0	613.1	598.9	434.9	436.6	428.0	70.5	71.2	69.8	29.6	29.7	28.9	75.1	75.5	72.2
EMPLOYED	580.4	579.1	577.1	415.6	413.9	414.4	66.3	66.3	66.1	27.7	27.7	26.9	70.9	71.2	69.8
UNEMPLOYED	29.6	33.9	21.8	19.3	22.8	13.7	4.2	4.9	3.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	4.2	4.3	2.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9%	5.5%	3.6%	4.4%	5.2%	3.2%	5.9%	6.9%	5.4%	6.4%	6.6%	6.9%	5.6%	5.7%	3.3%

## NONAG. WAGE & SAL. JOBS

TOTAL	555.4	552.2	566.1	414.3	411.6	424.0	54.0	53.7	54.8	25.5	25.5	25.5	61.5	61.4	61.8
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	24.1	23.8	23.8	16.7	16.6	17.8	3.2	3.2	2.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	3.1	2.9	2.3
MANUFACTURING	17.5	17.5	17.3	13.7	13.6	13.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.8	1.8	1.8
DURABLE GOODS	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	0.1	0.1	0.1
STONE, GLASS, & CLAY	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	0.1	0.1	0.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	13.5	13.5	13.6	10.3	10.4	10.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
FOOD PROCESSING	6.6	6.6	6.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
TEXTILE & APPAREL	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.6	2.7	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
TRANSP., COMM., & UTIL.	38.8	39.6	43.4	29.6	30.3	34.1	2.9	2.8	2.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	4.6	4.6	4.5
TRANSPORTATION	29.0	29.8	33.5	22.0	22.7	26.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	3.5	3.6	3.5
AIR TRANSPORTATION	11.7	12.2	13.6	9.4	9.9	11.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
COMMUNICATION	6.4	6.3	6.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
UTILITIES	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6
TRADE	137.2	135.8	141.9	98.7	97.6	101.9	13.5	13.4	14.5	7.4	7.3	7.7	17.6	17.5	17.8
WHOLESALE	20.7	20.7	21.7	16.6	16.6	17.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.4	1.5
RETAIL	116.5	115.1	120.3	82.1	81.0	84.5	11.3	11.2	12.3	6.8	6.8	7.1	16.2	16.0	16.3
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	12.5	11.8	13.2	8.0	7.6	9.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.5	1.2
GROCERY	11.3	11.4	11.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.3
APPAREL & ACCESS.	8.7	8.2	8.8	6.4	5.9	6.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
EATING & DRINKING EST.	50.4	50.6	51.0	36.1	36.1	36.4	4.0	3.9	4.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	7.4	7.4	7.2
FINANCE, INS., REAL EST.	33.2	33.3	33.4	26.7	26.7	26.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.9	3.0	3.0
SERVICES & MISC.	183.1	182.3	188.1	131.2	130.5	135.1	18.9	18.8	19.3	9.6	9.5	9.3	23.3	23.5	24.5
HOTELS	36.4	36.1	39.3	15.2	14.9	17.0	6.5	6.5	6.9	3.6	3.6	3.7	11.1	11.2	11.8
HEALTH SERVICES	37.5	37.3	37.2	30.2	30.2	30.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.4
HOSPITALS	13.7	13.6	13.7	12.6	12.5	12.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
HEALTH SVC., EX. HOSPITALS	23.8	23.7	23.5	17.6	17.6	17.4	2.8	2.7	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.5	2.4	2.3
BUSINESS SERVICES	30.9	31.0	31.6	26.3	26.3	26.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.4	2.1	2.1	2.3
SOCIAL SERVICES	14.3	14.3	13.5	10.0	9.9	9.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.6	1.4
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	12.3	12.5	12.2	11.0	11.2	11.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
ENG., ACCTG., MGT. SVC.	11.0	11.0	11.0	8.6	8.6	8.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
GOVERNMENT	121.5	119.9	118.1	97.6	96.0	94.9	11.5	11.5	11.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	8.2	8.2	7.9
FEDERAL	31.0	30.3	30.9	29.1	28.4	29.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
STATE	73.6	72.9	70.6	56.9	56.2	54.5	8.2	8.2	7.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	5.7	5.8	5.5
EDUCATION	49.0	48.5	46.7	39.3	38.8	37.3	4.8	4.8	4.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	3.2	3.3	3.1
LOCAL	16.9	16.8	16.6	434.9	436.6	428.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.8

N.D. = Less than 50 or Not Disclosed.

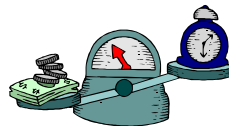
NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding. Data for current month is preliminary; other months are revised. State of Hawai'i & Honolulu County job data are in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total jobs include multiple jobholders & exclude nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics. Estimates include all full- or part-time wage & salary employees who worked/received pay during the week including the 12th of the month. State government data includes all paid positions or jobs in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches, as reported in the Dept. of Accounting & General Services payroll report. It differs from Dept. of Human Resources Development figures, which counts civil service & exempt employees & their full-time equivalency in the executive branch.

## Labor Force Estimates (U.S.)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted.

	DEC 2001	NOV 2001	DEC 2000
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	141,912	141,911	141,319
EMPLOYED	134,235	134,359	136,092
UNEMPLOYED	7,678	7,551	5,227
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.4%	5.3%	3.7%

## Hours & Earnings



December  
2001

INDUSTRY	PRODUCTION WORKERS	AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVG. WEEKLY HOURS	AVG. HOURLY EARNINGS
Construction & Mining	17,900	\$1,059.60	36.4	\$29.11
Manufacturing	11,400	535.35	37.1	14.43
Food & Kindred Products	5,000	453.39	35.7	12.70
Printing & Publishing	1,600	691.90	38.1	18.16
Communications & Utilities	8,200	992.54	42.2	23.52
Trade	120,100	293.88	29.3	10.03
Wholesale Trade	17,400	469.94	38.3	12.27
Retail Trade	102,700	264.38	27.8	9.51
Eating & Drinking Establishments	46,000	187.43	24.5	7.65
Deposit & Nondepository Institutions	5,800	506.57	39.7	12.76
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	33,100	411.18	30.8	13.35

# Workforce Development Division Applicant Profiles

Listed below are some of the applicants registered with the  
Hawai'i State Workforce Development Division.  
Interested employers are urged to call the number following each profile.

**Aircraft Mechanic:** Navy veteran. ANP license. 10+ years aircraft maintenance specializing in commercial aircrafts. Asking \$17/hr. to start. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2019 (Wailuku Office).*

**Architect:** Army veteran. 25 years exper. in Architecture field, CAD drafting, construction management, design. Seeking \$3,000/mo. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719.*

**Auto Mechanic:** Recently separated Army veteran. 6 years automobile mechanic repair and service exper. Recently obtained CDL A tractor-trailer driver license. Pay negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

**Building Maintenance:** Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. Seeking Building Maintenance position. Recently graduated from 3-month Building Maintenance training program. Pay negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

**Carpenter:** Journeyman Carpenter with 20+ years exper. seeking full time carpentry work on Kauai. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

**Computer Support Specialist:** US Navy veteran. Seeks Computer Support Specialist position. BS - Electronic Engineering. Proficient with configuration and installation of PC's hardware and software. Very good working exper. in computer support as a customer relations manager, product support specialist and PC coordinator. Excellent prospect. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Construction Laborer:** US Navy veteran. Seeks employment as Construction Laborer. 20+ years exper. in construction field. Excellent prospect for any company. Salary \$25.10/hr. *Call Annmarie O'Brien at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

**Construction Manager:** US Air Force veteran. Seeks employment as Construction Manager. 30+ years exper. in construction management field. Excellent computer skills. Mature and responsible with a great attitude. Salary \$28.75/hr. *Call Annmarie O'Brien at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

**Cook:** Marine Corps veteran with over 15 years of cooking exper.. Specializes in American, European, Hawaiian, and Mexican cuisine. Has own culinary tools of the trade. Has resume. Pay is negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387 or 586-8701.*

**Cook:** US Army veteran. Seeks cook position. AS - Refrigeration/air-conditioning. Extensive civilian exper. in food service industry. Very good attitude and desire to work. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Draftsman:** Navy veteran. Seeking drafting position. Recently trained in latest autocad design practices. Pay negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

**Electronic Repairman:** Navy veteran. 20 years exper. repairing, installing electrical equipment. Seeking \$25,000/yr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719.*

**Hospital Administrator:** Retired Air Force officer. 30+ years running health care systems and operations. Maintains excellent oral and written communications skills. A proven leader and organizer in the medical field. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).*

**Industrial Machinery Mechanic:** US Navy veteran. Seeks Industrial Machinery Mechanic or Automotive Tech job. AS - Automotive Tech. Very good machinist exper. in the Navy and with United Airlines. Very motivated and responsible. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Laborer:** Agricultural work exper. - former sugar plantation and seasonal coffee worker. Seeking work as laborer, grounds keeper, janitor, or custodian on Kauai. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

**Management/Retail Manager:** US Air Force veteran. Seeks management or retail manager position. Inventory exper. in the military and extensive civilian background in inventory and retail management. Excellent communication skills with varied other skills in warehouse management, nursing assistance, training coordination and truck/bus driving. Very good prospect for a supervisory/management position. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Medical Assistant:** Certified Medical Assistant exper. in administering immunizations, EKS's, checking vital signs and clinical lab tests. Also has exper. in charting, venipuncture, computer skills. Types 55-60 wpm, front office skills, excellent people and communication skills. Seeks work on Kauai. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

**Office Manager:** Female Air Force veteran. Ran own business and has wealth of exper. in all aspects of daily business operations. Has excellent oral and written communication skills. Possesses good work habits and positive attitude. Asking \$12/hr. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).*

**Payroll Specialist:** Retired Army payroll specialist. 20+ years exper. Excellent team player and well organized. Open salary. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2019 (Wailuku Office).*

**Personal Manager:** US Marine Corp veteran. Seeks employment as Personal Manager. 20+ years in management field. Possesses excellent managerial and good computer skills, word, and excel. Great candidate for any company. Salary \$10/hr. *Call Annmarie O'Brien at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

**Prep Cook, Cook:** US Navy veteran. 10 years in culinary arts. Specialities include American, Mediterranean and Cajun foods. Cooks all meals to include soups, "pupus", entrees and desserts. Has resume. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387 or 586-8701.*

**Project Manager General Contracting:** Army veteran. 14 years exper. as a project manager. Last project in charge for the completion of Ward entertainment center. Pay negotiable. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719.*

**Registered Nurse:** Bachelors and Master's Degree in Nursing. Seeking work in Home Care Industry on Kauai. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

**Welder:** Army veteran. 7 years welding exper. Has own tools; able to perform welding/repair on a variety of equipment/parts using stick, mig & tig (Heli-Arc). Pay negotiable. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719.*

**Welder:** US Navy veteran. 6+ years hands-on, sleeves up welding exper. Worked on ships, barges and other floating transportation crafts. Top of the class in two welding schools. Has resume. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387 or 586-8701.*

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## 2000 Employment and Payrolls in Hawai'i

Average employment and annual wages both improved in the State of Hawai'i in 2000, according to the recently published report, **2000 Employment and Payrolls in Hawai'i**.

Statewide employment increased by 15,277 workers to 552,955 in 2000 with a majority of the industries experiencing gains in employment. Services garnered the highest employment increase of 7,559, while retail trade was second with 3,127. Construction also rose significantly in 2000 by 2,084 workers. Another industry that showed positive growth after a moderate increase last year is transportation, up by 1,150 workers. Other industries posting positive numbers: manufacturing; wholesale trade; agriculture, forestry and fisheries; and utilities. Finance, insurance, and real estate was one of two industries that declined. Communications is the other.

Meanwhile, the statewide average annual wage for all workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance programs rose by 2.8 percent to

\$30,628 in 2000. This is about the same level of increase that workers received in 1999.

A limited number of copies of this report are available and may be picked up from: State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations, Research & Statistics Office, 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 304, Honolulu, Hawai'i; or call (808) 586-8999 to request a copy by mail. Some of the data are also available for immediate downloading from the Lo'ihi website: **<http://www.loihi.state.hi.us>**. Please direct any questions regarding the report to (808) 586-9033.

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### Labor Surplus Area List for FY 2002

The FY 2002 labor surplus area list contains 1,091 areas. An area is classified as a labor surplus area when its average unemployment rate is 6.0 percent or above during the period January 1999 - December 2000. *The State of Hawai'i has two labor surplus areas: Hawai'i County and Kaua'i County.* The list is effective through September 30, 2002.



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